

Senate Resolution 275

By: Senators Harp of the 29th and Wiles of the 37th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia on the occasion of the
2 University System of Georgia's 75th anniversary; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the history and success of Georgia and its people is reflected in the state's
4 commitment to public higher education, a commitment that goes back 222 years to the
5 founding of the University of Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, the Governor and Legislature of the State of Georgia decided in 1932 to create
7 a single governance system for the state's public institutions of higher education; and

8 WHEREAS, thus the University System of Georgia, Georgia's best hope and wisest
9 investment in the future of its citizens, was born 75 years ago; and

10 WHEREAS, today, the University System of Georgia provides broad, affordable access to
11 higher education across the state through 35 institutions educating 260,000 students; and

12 WHEREAS, a million or more Georgians use the systems's continuing education programs,
13 and farmers, businesses, libraries, public schools, and local government all rely and depend
14 upon the intellectual capital and resources of the University System to solve problems, create
15 growth opportunities and improve service to the public; and

16 WHEREAS, a recent study figures the economic impact of the University System on
17 Georgia's economy at an astounding \$23.3 billion annually; and

18 WHEREAS, each graduate from a Georgia college or university can expect to add an
19 additional million dollars in earnings over his or her working lifetime; and

1 WHEREAS, thanks to the wisdom and vision of those Georgians who acted to create the
2 University System of Georgia 75 years ago, today, through its missions of teaching, research,
3 and service, the system touches the lives of virtually every Georgian; and

4 WHEREAS, the success of the University System of Georgia is due to the leadership and
5 dedication of Georgians who have answered the call to serve on the Board of Regents.

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
7 recognize the efforts of the members of the Board of Regents of the University System of
8 Georgia to make this state a "more educated Georgia" through their work with countless
9 university presidents, chancellors, administrators, and faculty members, and congratulate
10 them on the occasion of the University System of Georgia's 75th anniversary.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
12 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the University System of Georgia.